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a general properties page having input fields for a label identifying the job, and a

description of the job,

a description properties page having a selection field for identifying an icon for

representing the job, and

a respository page having a selection field for identifying a time zone for display of job

times.

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32. (Amended) The method according to Claim 25, wherein said step of sending comprises

the steps of:

packaging said job parameters in a communication format; and

transmitting the packaged job parameters from a computing platform where said job

parameters are determined to said scheduling agent maintained on the selected node.

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40. (Amended) The method according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

accepting a scheduling calendar identifying at least one of execution times and intervals

for at least one of said jobs; and

executing said jobs on selected nodes at the times and intervals identified in the

calendar.

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 31, 2002.

Claims 1-46 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 25, 45 and 46 being in independent

form. By the present Amendment, claims 21, 32 and 40 have been amended. It is submitted that no new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised by the present Amendment.

Claims 10, 11, 21 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter not sufficiently described in the specification. The term "point product" is a term of art and relates to a product that focuses on a single problem and is therefore sufficiently described in the specification. Accordingly, claims 10 and 11 have not been amended. The terms "PEC" (e.g., Platinum Enterprise Communicator) and "RM" (e.g., Results Manager) are also terms of art and are therefore sufficiently described in the specification. In any event, claims 21 and 32 have been amended with specific attention to the points raised in the Office Action to expedite examination of the present application and for reasons completely unrelated to patentability.

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, withdrawal of the rejection under Section 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claim 40 was objected to because of an informality. In response, claim 40 has been amended to attend to the formal point raised in the Office Action and for reasons completely unrelated to patentability. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 40 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 7-9, 14, 15, 18-21, 24-35 and 44-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,781,908 to Williams et al. Claims 2-6, 12, 13, 17 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,182,110 to Barroux. Claims 10 and 36 were rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,160,988 to Shroyer.

Claim 11 was rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of Shroyer and Barroux. Claims 16 and 41 were rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,323,882 to Jerome et al. Claim 22 was rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,819,263 to Bromley et al. Claims 37-39 were rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,537,550 to Russell et al. Claims 42 and 43 were rejected under Section 103(a) as allegedly obvious from Williams et al. in view of Bromley et al. Applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submit independent claims 1, 25, 45 and 46 are patentably distinct from the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 relates to a job scheduling device for scheduling jobs to run on at least one node of at least one computing platform. The device comprises an enterprise scheduling agent installed on each node and configured to launch execution of jobs submitted to the agent, a presentation layer configured to accept and validate parameters identifying at least one job to be submitted for execution on at least one of said nodes and a job scheduler configured to allocate at least one job based on said parameters and submit the allocated jobs to at least one enterprise scheduling agent.

Williams et al., as understood by Applicants, relates to file date synchronizer in a distributed data computer network. A distributed data synchronizer (DDS) provided on each applicable node on the network, synchronizes files across the network so that user applications running at the various nodes can share common databases of information. When a user application on a node modifies one of its local files, the node communicates the update to the

appropriate remote nodes. Column 7, line 63 - Column 8, line 25 describes sending changes

to a local address book from for a node named JDED to a node named JDEX. Column 8,

lines 37-56 describes how to transfer updates to an address book file stored at node JDED to

an address book file stored at node JDEX. Williams et al. refers to "jobs." However, this

reference to the term "jobs" appears to relate to the transferring of files by the DDS.

Williams et al. further notes that "the user exercises complete control over the process by

programming the DDS 16 with user defined scripts. The DDS 16 reads a user created script

file 50 and executes the script commands contained therein." (Column 6, lines 48-56)

However, Applicants find no teaching or suggestion of a job scheduling device for

scheduling jobs to run on at least one node of at least one computing platform, the device

comprising an enterprise scheduling agent installed on each node and configured to launch

execution of jobs submitted to the agent, a presentation layer configured to accept and validate

parameters identifying at least one job to be submitted for execution on at least one of said

nodes and a job scheduler configured to allocate at least one job based on said parameters and

submit the allocated jobs to at least one enterprise scheduling agent.

Accordingly, Applicants submit independent claim 1 is patentably distinct from the

cited art.

Applicants also find no teaching or suggestion of a method of scheduling jobs across

multiple networked computing platforms, comprising determining at least one job based on job

parameters for at least one job to be scheduled, sending said at least one job to at least one

scheduling agent maintained on a selected nodes of the computer platform and executing each

job on the selected node under management of the scheduling agent, as recited in independent

COPY SHOWING CHANGES BEING MADE TO THE CLAIMS

21. (Amended) The job scheduling device according to Claim 20, wherein:

said resource management device includes [an RM] a GUI for defining an object representing a job, having,

a general properties page having input fields for a label identifying the job, and a description of the job,

a description properties page having a selection field for identifying an icon for representing the job, and

a respository page having a selection field for identifying a time zone for display of job times.

32. (Amended) The method according to Claim 25, wherein said step of sending comprises the steps of:

packaging said job parameters in a [PEC] communication format; and

transmitting the packaged job parameters from a computing platform where said job parameters are determined to said scheduling agent [maintain] maintained on the selected node.

40. (Amended) The method according to claim 25, further comprising the steps of:

accepting a scheduling calendar identifying at least [on] one of execution times and intervals for at least one of said jobs; and

executing said jobs on selected nodes at the times and intervals identified in the calendar.

claim 25.

The other independent claims are also believed to be patentably distinct for the cited art for at least one or more of the reasons mentioned above.
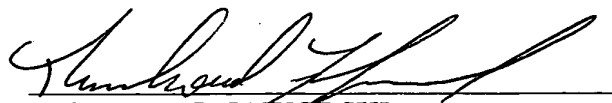
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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